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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report prepared by the working group on the development of a statement of shared principles, which is available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee (http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html). The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the report, provide further comments on the draft statement of shared principles, and to express its views on the way forward for national and global geospatial information management entities to endorse, adopt and implement the statement of shared principles.

Summary of the report

At its third session, held in July 2013, the Committee of Experts, by decision 3/108, took note of the report on the development of a shared statement of principles on the management of geospatial information. The Committee was encouraged by the deeper consideration given to the subject since its second session and, recognizing the importance of shared principles to guide geospatial information management, invited the Secretariat to work with a small group of Member States, which would include members of the statistical community, on a preliminary proposal for a set of shared principles and to report to the Committee in that regard.

The report prepared by the working group describes the establishment of the group and the process of consultation and deliberation undertaken with Member

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States and geospatial experts to revise and refine the principles, and outlines a preliminary proposal for the statement of shared principles, for consideration by the Committee of Experts.